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BEFORE LEAVING GENEVA, I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT, ALTHOUGH OUR
TALKS WITH SOVIETS WILL CONTINUE, WE MADE NO REAL HEADWAY TOWARDS
ANY SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT ON BERLIN WHICH WE COULD ACCEPT. AS
INDICATED IN THE JOINT AMERICAN-SOVIET STATEMENT ISSUED THIS
MORNING, IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE IN
CLARIFYING POINTS OF AGREEMENT AND POINTS OF DIFFERENCE, BUT
POINTS OF DIFFERENCE REMAIN FUNDAMENTAL.

I DID OBTAIN IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT SOVIETS DO NOT WISH TO HAVE CONFRONTATION NOW AND DESIRE TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH US ON BERLIN. WHETHER THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH CONTINUING HARASSMENT IN AIR CORRIDORS AND ON GROUND ACCESS ROUTES IS AN OBVIOUSLY RELATED QUESTION. I HAVE THIS MORNING EMPHASIZED TO BREWSTER THAT INCREASED SOVIET AIR CORRIDOR ACTIVITY TODAY IS INCONSISTENT WITH SPIRIT OF OUR JOINT STATEMENT AND THAT WE CANNOT HELP BUT DRAW JUDGMENTS NOT ONLY FROM WHAT SOVIETS SAY BUT ALSO FROM WHAT THEY DO.

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I SHALL NOW BE REPORTING TO PRESIDENT AND, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH OUR ALLIES, WE SHALL THEN HAVE TO GIVE THOUGHT TO NEXT DIPLOMATIC RELATION. I AM SURE THAT, IN MEANTIME, FROM ALL EVIDENCE BERLIN MORALE AND ECON. REMAIN GOOD THOUGH SUBJECTED TO STRAINS AND DOUBTS OF WHICH YOU HAVE MADE US AWARE.

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